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Senator Tory Rocca, Chairperson
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RE: HB 4561

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Dear Chairperson Rocca and Committee members Jones, Hune, Meekhof, Pavlov, Johnson and Warren:

Second Vice-President

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I am writing on behalf of the Michigan Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI), the leading national organization of local authorities involved in ensuring building electrical safety.

Third Vice-President

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Your Committee has before it today a piece of legislation that has the potential to negatively impact the State of Michigan for many years to come. HB 4561 represents a step backward for our State in many significant ways, and I appreciate the opportunity to address your esteemed Committee on this matter.

Treasurer

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HB4561 would alter the application of construction Codes in Michigan in a dramatic manner. The current three year Code adoption cycle would be replaced with a six-year cycle, nationally accepted Codes would no longer be adopted by reference, and "increased construction costs" would be the determining factor in whether or not a particular Code requirement is adopted.

Secretary

David Williams
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The IAEI believes that moving to a six year Code cycle would put Michigan architects, manufacturers, business and building owners, at a distinct disadvantage. New products and new methodologies would be held up for approvals in the State of Michigan while those States operating under the most current Code be free to take advantage of new technologies.

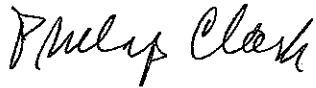
A simple walk through any Home Depot store will demonstrate hundreds of products that were *not in existence six years ago*. Lessons learned from events throughout the United States and the world are incorporated into the various model Codes and new products are developed quickly to take advantage of new technologies.

"Let the Code Decide"

As our State struggles to move from an outdated "Rust Belt" economy to a modern manufacturing and data driven model, it is critical that safety professionals are equipped with the most up to date evaluation tools available.

The IAEI believes that any other approach, taken in the name of "cost containment" is a false economy and will increase manufacturing and construction costs. Ultimately, HB4561, if enacted will raise costs every single consumer in Michigan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Clark".

Phil Clark, President
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